

Bloomington Arts Commission
November Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
5:00pm, McCloskey Room, Bloomington City Hall

Present: Jan Grant (via phone), Craig Widen, Peter Jacobi, Abby Perfetti, Paul Sturm, Sally Gaskill, Martina Celerin, Lynn Schwartzberg, Jean Kautt, Alain Barker

Absent: Francesca Sobrer

Ex Officio: Miah Michaelson

Guests: Deb Wehman, Gail Londergan, Susan Sandberg

Call to order: Jan Grant called the meeting to order at 5:06pm

Public Comment:

- The Arts Alliance has sent out its survey – please fill it out and send to colleagues
- Michelle Martin-Coleman and Michal Ann Carley will be official liaisons
- Susan Sandberg
 - Buskirk-Chumley Theater has lost approx. \$50,000 of TIF funding used for operational expenses
 - City Council members are committed to preserving the theater, City has a responsibility to support it as a City asset

October Minutes:

- Paul Sturm should be added to the list of PAMP committee
- Sally will send typo corrections to Miah
- Martina moves to accept changes and approve, Craig seconds. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- No changes in 402 Municipal Arts Fund or 403 Operating Fund

New Business

- Clear Creek Trailhead Sculpture Funding Request
 - Deb Wehman has pledged a donation of \$5,000 to the Bloomington Parks and Rec Department
 - Dale Enochs has been contacted for a limestone and metal sculpture, proposing a \$12,000 budget
 - \$7,000 is requested from the Municipal Arts Fund to fund the remainder
 - Meets one BAC strategy: Integrate “Integrate a broad range of public art activities into the City’s trail network to connect neighborhoods and support trail usage.”
 - Sally: Let’s use this opportunity to kick off the PAMP
 - Miah: We want to encourage other people to step forward like Deb has
 - Martina: Is it problematic that we often fund Dale Enochs projects? No open bid for proposals?
 - The donor has chosen Dale Enochs and donor intent is very important

- Deb is willing to match the BAC's funding
 - Paul moves to approve this funding allocation, pending approval of the sculpture design proposal
 - Craig seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
 - Deb is our hero!
- Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center – Patti Pizzo Arts Advocate Awards Request
 - Award will be presented in January or February to kick off the Waldron's centennial
 - Request: for BAC to allow Ivy Tech to present this award, and for BAC to help select the recipient
 - BAC would like to have recognition in presentation of award (e.g. "the BAC Patti Pizzo Award")
 - Lynn: Like Deb's situation, this is a positive move for private/public partnerships and initiatives
 - This will likely be an annual event supporting Ivy Arts for Kids
 - Alain: Is it problematic that this will be an annual event representing Bloomington as a whole but raising money for one specific program?
 - Sally: We could suggest that we're happy to co-present this year, and will reconsider in future years
 - Paul: Ivy Tech is one of the only organizations in the city to represent the whole city in this way
 - Martina: The Arts Alliance could be that organization in the future
 - Alain: Or it could be a joint partnership between Ivy Tech, IU, and the City as an annual arts celebration
 - Jean: This is a fitting alliance for the first presentation of this award – Patti Pizzo's impact, the Waldron, and Ivy Tech
 - Alain moves to agree to partner on this initiative, Craig seconds
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Balance of Grant Funds
 - BAC has approximately \$600 left in the Operating Fund, which must be spent by December 1 or lost
 - Sally suggests dividing the funds equally between all three
 - Martina urges the Commission to fund Excess Artspace
 - Paul suggests dividing the funding between Excess Artspace and New Voices Opera, neither of which has been funded by the BAC
 - Lynn is concerned that Excess Artspace only affects the artists, not the community
 - Paul: This is a new and unique space for experimental art. There's a new movement in young artists who explore multiple disciplines
 - They will have to follow the same reporting and spending guidelines that other BAC grant recipients follow
 - Craig moves to give all \$600 to Excess Artspace, Paul seconds
 - Motion carries.

- Miah will offer the funding to Excess Artspace, pending their acceptance of grant restrictions

Old Business

- Business and the Arts – Chamber of Commerce
 - Miah has emailed Jeb, no reply yet

Staff Report

- Public Art
 - 17th and Arlington: Contract completed. Fabrication underway
 - Waldron Plaza: Should be completed by November
 - Gateway Project: Miah will meet with the artists and see if progress can be made
- BEAD
 - Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, noon, McCloskey Room, City Hall
 - Current Exhibit: Elizabeth Busey, printmaker
- Other
 - Have a team of Arts Admin grad students studying volunteerism in the Bloomington arts and cultural sector
 - NPC looking to get arts representation on its leadership committee
 - Arts Alliance is still in need of Steering Committee members. Contact Joanne Shank if you're interested, joanneshank@gmail.com

Next Meeting: December 10, 5pm, McCloskey Room